

WESLEY WINDOW

MAY 8, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICES MAY 11, 2025

Traditional
8:30 & 11:00AM
Sanctuary
Greg Porterfield

Scripture
John 10:22-30

Modern
9:30 & 11:00AM
Celebration Space
Lindsey Solomon

Watch live at
www.wesleyumc.net

Livestream on
YouTube & Facebook

Video will be available
to view afterwards.



**WESLEY
CHURCH**

Real Life

Did you see where two cultural icons exited the scene stage right last week? Warren Buffett and Gregg Popovich. I suspect you are familiar with the names. Warren Buffett, the Oracle of Omaha, who started trading stocks in his teens and now retires (some would say prematurely) as the chairman of Berkshire-Hathaway at the age of 94. His acumen turned the company he created into a trillion dollar behemoth whose reach is deep and wide, extending from Coca-Cola to Apple. Gregg Popovich (also known as Pop) is the winningest coach in professional basketball history. His career began in, of all places, Pomona College, hardly known for its athletics. Pomona was and still is not an NCAA-run Division 1 school. It's not even Division 2 - it's 3! I know this because they competed with my alma mater, though truth be told I never saw the coach because I never went to a game; most of the student body didn't. Those schools don't give athletic scholarships - they feel fortunate if they have enough jerseys to pass around to the players. It was hardly an auspicious beginning. Now, Coach Popovich retires standing above all others- amazing.

What I found extraordinary in these two singular individuals of accomplishment was how similar and simple their recipe for success was. When someone asked Popovich how he did it he said, "Draft Tim Duncan, after that stay alive." And Buffett modestly mentions advice from a friend who told him, "Buy great companies." That's it.

So how come we don't all just do that? Could it be because we all hear that siren call? We want instant success and ask it to include a touch of notoriety as well. Our culture has exchanged character for celebrity, and we are worse for it. One of the great unheralded attributes of faith is its practice. Belief, like most things, takes time to be acquired. Its bent is towards integrity, not compromise or lazy luck. I guess what I am saying is real faith is not a part time job; it requires our whole self. And what do we get in return? New life - is there anything better?

See you Sunday - This is still the best place to practice faithfulness that I know.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

OUR PRAYERS

Itala Azzarelli	Greg Gelinas	Morse
Lee Bentley	Jeff Harris Sr.	Jane Moxley
Jeannie Boerger	Ann Henley	Ray Mundy
Shirley Broome	Meagin Hilbert	Judy Orosz
Christy Brown	Tony Holly	Gloria Prather
Delaine Brown	C. Eddy Ivey Jr.	Charlie Rockwell
Roger Case	Sandy Jones	Abby Roney
Kimberly D. Cliett	Olivia King	Janet Shearer
Bonnie	Shirley Kofoed	Amber South
Devereaux	Susan LaFrance	Heather South
Jan Devereaux	Pat Lee	John Stewart
Phoebe Dinkins	Wanda Lee	Marie Story
Walter & Linda	Todd Lindley	Jennifer Szczepek
Dodson	Clarence Malcom	Allison Thompson
Dolores Eckles	Brittni Martin	Jackie Troupe
Amy Eubanks	Carol Morse	Rudie Waller
Irene Faucher	Daryl & Sharon	Bonnie Wilson



Mother's Day Blessing

May those with children feel appreciated,
 May those grieving empty arms be comforted,
 May those mourning and missing the one who gave them life
 Be wrapped in goodness and love today.

Tamara Rice



OUR GIFTS - MAY 4

• Operating:	\$	49,980
• Received Through This Week:	\$	804,579
• Budgeted Through This Week:	\$	866,423

OUR WEEKLY BREAD

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue...Her children arise and call her blessed. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
 Proverbs 31:25-26, 28, 30

We talk about Jesus' mother, Mary, a lot. But what about Mary's mother? Someone had to raise Mary to find favor with God. Someone had to raise Mary to treasure purity. Someone had to raise Mary to honor Joseph. Someone had to raise Mary to know the voice of the Lord, even though they were living in the silent years. Mary's mother, we don't know her name. We don't know what her life looked like. We don't know who she was married to, or what he was like. All we know is she raised the mother of Christ.

She raised a daughter, highly favored of the Lord. She raised a daughter to fear the Lord. She didn't have an encounter with an angel, telling her to raise Mary carefully because of how the Lord was going to use her. She chose to raise Mary wisely so that the Lord could use her. She didn't have an angel telling her to honor her husband, because Mary would need to honor Joseph when he told her to travel to Bethlehem while she was great with child, when he told her to flee Herod's wrath in the middle of the night. Mary's mother just honored her husband and submitted to him because that's what she was called to do. Mary's mother didn't have an angel giving her a word to cling to in those dark, silent years. But she clung to the word of God that she had. She trusted his word, even during his silence. And her home shone with divine favor, because she made choices in the dark that affected the whole world.

Mary, did you know? She knew some, she knew what the Angel told her. But Mary's mother? She had no idea. Still she chose to raise a daughter that the Lord could use. And that choice still affects us all today. Who you raise can affect eternity. The example you set in marriage can affect eternity. Your home can make the gates of Hell tremble. But it starts with you.

- servantheartedsisterhood.com

The Special Needs Ministry is looking for "Buddies" to serve during Sunday School on the Kidz' hall. Email lauren@wesleyumc.net if you're interested or want to know more about serving and spreading God's love in that way.



FOOD & SUPPLY COLLECTION

**MAY: JELLY & DISHWASHING LIQUID
 DOG & CAT FOOD**

If you can donate any non-perishable foods and household staples, please place them in the Mission Cart in the Biscuit Area.



WESLEY RINGERS
Bake Sale
SUNDAY, MAY 11
BETWEEN SERVICES
 PROCEEDS BENEFIT
 THE BENJAMIN BLACKMON
 SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Come and get Mom a sweet treat!

THE BIBLE YEAR

Read the Bible in a year! Get the reading schedule here each week or use The Bible Year by Macrey R. Devega. Discussion group meets on Sundays, 6-7PM.

May 11-17
May 11: Psalm 42-45
May 12: Psalm 46-49
May 13: Psalm 50-53
May 14: Psalm 54-56
May 15: Psalm 57-59
May 16: Psalm 60-63
May 17: Psalm 64-68

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY IS MAY 18

Membership Sunday is a special day we set aside to welcome new members into our church family. It's also a time for all of us to reflect on and renew the vows we've made as members of the body of Christ. We will celebrate with lunch after services! If you have recently become a new member of Wesley, you and your family are welcome to join us for lunch. Scan code to RSVP.



SCAN ME

Contact leslie@wesleyumc.net for information on how to join.



SUMMER CAMPS

PREK 4 - 1ST GRADE	KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE
June 9-12 Vacation Bible School	June 9-12 Vacation Bible School
June 17-19 Cowboy Camp	June 24-26 Dog Man Camp
July 8-10 Art Camp	July 15-17 Science Camp
July 22-24 Dino Camp	July 28- August 1 GROW Day Camp

GRADE FOR 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR



SCAN ME

REGISTER AT WESLEYUMC.NET/WESLEY-KIDZ

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 12PM


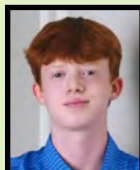
THE HAPPY UKES - from Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta

Wife Saver Chicken Bring a side dish \$8.00

HELEN@WESLEYUMC.NET TO REGISTER.

Congratulations CLASS of 2025

Best wishes to our graduates who were honored last week in worship!

 Madelynn Faith Atkins Evans	 Logan Riley Black Lakeside	 Katelynn Amber Cermenaro Lakeside	 Lucas Michael Cheek Lakeside	 Sarah Doris Joyce Collez Greenbrier
 Morgan Beth Dabrowski Greenbrier	 John William Demyan III Lakeside	 Autumn Taylor Douglas Greenbrier	 Maeve Ella Fincher Lakeside	 Payson Treadwell Gilbert Lakeside
 Reynolds Read Hayden Lakeside	 Mitchell Gregory Horton Greenbrier	 Gantt Eli Jones Lakeside	 Benjamin Ethan Lewis Westminister	 Taylor Landon Maciaszek Greenbrier
 Brenna Rae Goodwin Mundy Lakeside	 Carly Elizabeth Goodwin Mundy Lakeside	 Josslyn Virginia Munn Evans	 Lacey Melia Nicholson Greenbrier	 Aubrie Elise Nuckols Greenbrier
 Nolan John Parker Greenbrier	 Camden James Price Lakeside	 Carla M. Reyes Davila Lakeside	 Avery Claire Ritz Greenbrier	 Samuel John Hill Segrist Lakeside
 Amelia Rose Sukowatey Greenbrier	 Michael Stephen Van Meter Greenbrier	 Anna Marie Walton Lakeside	<p>Not Pictured:</p> <p>Sarah Flynt Lakeside</p> <p>Banks Young Lakeside</p>	

THIS WEEK AT WESLEY

SUNDAY, MAY 11

MOTHERS DAY

WESLEY RINGERS BAKE SALE

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:30a Modern Worship
11:00a Modern Worship
11:00a Traditional Worship
6:00p Wesley Students
6:00p Divorce Care
6:00p Bible Year Group

MONDAY, MAY 12

6:00p AA Meeting
7:00p Scout Troop 615

TUESDAY, MAY 13

8:00a Men in Mission
5:00p Faith Care Clinic
7:00p Scout Troop 1615

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

10:00a Women's Bible Study
6:00p AA Meeting
6:00p Handbell Choir
6:00p Children's Choir
7:00p Celebration Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 15

9:15a Mom's Group
12:00p Senior Citizens Lunch
2:00p CarFit Event

CARFiT

Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit

May 15 2-4PM Parking Lot

Learn how to make your car work for you as your mobility changes.

Visit wesleyumc.net or scan code to register.



Hosted by the Wesley Cares Ministry

Vacation Bible School

ALASKA ADVENTURE

JUNE 9-12

**RIISING
PRE-K4 -
6TH GRADE**



KIDS

*Volunteers
Needed!*

**SCAN TO
SIGN UP**



HELPER

This is a casual opportunity to gather, share a meal and fellowship with other Wesley Men. Biscuits, eggs, sausage and grits will be served at 6AM.

Men's
BREAKFAST
FAITH • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP
MAY 27 | 6-6:45AM

EMAIL AARON@WESLEYUMC.NET IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

VBS DONATION LIST

Place in black bin in the Biscuit Area

KID & LEADER SNACKS

- Chocolate Teddy Grahams
- Square pretzels
- Chocolate Cheerios
- Honey Comb cereal
- Mini marshmallows
- Goldfish crackers
- Individual cookies
- 12oz Gatorades
- Mini sodas variety
- Hostess snacks
- Made Good snack packs
- Individual chips & Skinny Pop

CRAFTS & SCIENCE

- Empty mini Gatorade bottles
- Empty 1/2 size Pringles cans
- Glue sticks
- Bottles of glue
- Cheap wash cloths
- Dawn dish soap
- Packs of markers
- Crayola washable paint



OPERATION PAPERBACK

DONATION NEEDS:

- Books (any genre)
- Cardboard Boxes
- Donations for Postage

EMAIL ARMSTRONGDW@GMAIL.COM



WESLEY CHURCH

Luke Amerson ext 207.....Modern Music Director
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Willey Lee.....Music Associate
Kate Morris ext 211.....Family Ministry Director
Greg Porterfield ext 201.....Senior Pastor
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Carol Shikle ext 211.....Assistant Family Ministry Director
Kelley Sleeper ext 202.....Missions Assistant
Justin Smith.....Custodian
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